

BIRTHDAY FETE OF A KING.

Little Alfonso of Spain to Have a Fancy Dress Ball the Day He is 11 Years Old.

IT IS SAID HE WILL BE A JESTER.

The State Offers Too Poor To Allow the Annual Gift to Boys Whose Births Fall May 17—How a King Has a Good Time.

MADRID, April 2.—Alfonso, King of Spain, will be eleven years old, May 17, 1897, and already preparations are being made in his kingdom for his birthday celebrations.

By Spanish etiquette the King is head of the troops, but a rather singular custom promotes him annually, step by step until he comes to his majority, when he takes command of the kingdom and the army at the same time.

As Alfonso is only a little boy after all, his birthday celebration will consist very largely of fetes in which the young people of Spain can take part. By royal custom young Alfonso can play with

colored satin. Gorgeously colored parrots and birds were embroidered all over the skirt, and tiny black cords were applied on to represent the wires of the cage.

The bodies of satin was ornamented in the same way. Each sleeve was a bell-shaped affair embroidered with birds and wired with the black cord.

There was one demure, coy little Japanese lady in a gown of heavy pale blue satin richly embroidered in gold.

Some of the little boys' costumes were charming. One dear little boy, with rosy cheeks and hair of brilliant carrot hue, wore the quaint little Kate Greenaway costume.

There was a gallant lieutenant there with a shining costume—a scarlet coat headed with brass buttons, tight-fitting trousers of charcoal slim and high leather boots.

The smallest girls at the ball went as Infanta Marguerita, and her gown was a face-studio of the gown worn by the Infanta Marguerita in Valencia's charming old portrait that hangs in the Louvre.

Every year the Boy King is allowed to please his subjects in any way he likes in the day. Later he must sit with his father upon the royal throne and receive the ministers of finance, diplomacy and foreign affairs.

THE NEW CONGRESSMAN.

Amos Cummings Tells How Much He Has to Learn.

HOW HE IS PEWILDERED AT FIRST.

One Went to the Secretary of Agriculture for His Quota of Mushroom Seed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—The new Congressman is just learning his status in the House. He is not yet entirely aware of his status outside. He still pays five cents fare on the cable cars.

He pushed the cent contemptuously on the desk, laid down a nickel and strode away in indignity. "Take it all in all, however, the new member will have pleasant sailing in the extra session. He escapes many annoyances that the old member cannot escape."

He has no notion of the Washingtonians will not importune him until he becomes a member of the committee on library or on the District of Columbia. He will have time to attend to the requests of his constituents.

The passage of the appropriation bills prior to the consideration of the tariff bill has practically closed the business of the session. With the opening of spring he will have plenty of time to enjoy the environs of the city.

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his neck he said: "Don't do that; there is no necessity for it. When you want to go home, go, and say nothing. You won't be missed."

The same feeling exists to-day. An ex-member of a state legislature astonished the other day by saying that he did not like to leave the House, for fear the Speaker might notice his absence.

Gradually and gracefully the new member is falling into the ways of the old member. His eye is lighted with anticipation when he looks at the portraits of the Speakers in the lobby and great thoughts enter his head.

At their desks in writing letters during the sessions and stretch and yawn when one-whined speeches are inflicted upon them. A few gaze at the pretty faces in the galleries, and assume positions more statesmanlike than statuesque.

At times statesmanlike than statuesque. At times one ventures to address the Speaker, but he is rarely recognized unless he has made an arrangement for recognition through some experienced friend.

In the last Congress Mr. Crowther of Missouri, a new member, early in the session asked unanimous consent for the House to consider a bill. He got it, and House to consider a bill.

Amos J. Cummings. INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA. ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, A. D. 1896.

Value of real estate owned by the company (less the amount of incumbrances thereon) \$ 47,123.33 Loans on hand and mortgage (less the amount of interest due) 2,362,598.76

ACCOUNT OF BONDS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND OF OTHER STATES, AND OF BONDS OF INCORPORATED CITIES IN THIS STATE, AND OF OTHER STOCKS AND BONDS, OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY.

United States Government, 5 per cent, due 1894 100,000.00 United States Government, 4 per cent, due 1897 25,000.00 Boston City Loan, 4 per cent, registered, due 1913 112,000.00

Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company's first mortgage, 6 per cent, due 1910 250,000.00 North Pennsylvania Canal and Navigation Company's 6 per cent, due 1910 75,000.00

Delaware and Delaware Railroad Company's first mortgage, 6 per cent, due 1910 50,000.00 Pennsylvania and New York Canal and Railroad Company's bonds, 7 per cent, guaranteed by L. V. Railroad Company, 25,000.00

Lehigh Valley Railroad Company's consolidated bonds, 6 per cent, registered, due 1910 100,000.00 Lehigh Valley Railroad Company's 6 per cent, annuity bonds, registered, due 1910 100,000.00

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Table with columns for bond types (e.g., 1-2 per cent, collateral trust bonds), par values, and market values.

Table showing total par and market value of securities, with sub-totals for various categories.

ACCOUNT OF STOCKS, BONDS AND ALL OTHER SECURITIES (EXCEPT MORTGAGES) HYPOTHECATED TO THE COMPANY AS COLLATERAL SECURITY FOR CASH, ACTUALLY LOANED BY THE COMPANY, WITH THE PAR AND MARKET VALUE OF THE SAME AND THE AMOUNTS LOANED ON EACH.

Table with columns for security types (e.g., McKeeney and Belle Vernon railroad), par value, market value, and loaned value.

Table showing total par and market value and amount loaned thereon, with sub-totals for various categories.

Cash belonging to the company deposited in bank and bankers' hands, gross premiums (as written in the first mortgage), bills receivable, not matured, taken for fire, marine and inland risks.

Table with columns for liability types (Gross claims for adjusted and unpaid losses), fire, marine, and total values.

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Business in the State of Virginia during the year. Fire, Marine and Inland Risks written, Premiums received, Losses incurred.

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